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CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

STEVEN C. JACOBS,

Plaintiff,

V.

LAS VEGAS SANDS CORP., a Nevada corporation; SANDS CHINA LTD., a Cayman Islands corporation; DOES I through X; and ROE CORPORATIONS I through X,

Defendants.

AND RELATED CLAIMS

A-10-627691 Case No.: Dept. No.: Χl

PLAINTIFF STEVEN C. JACOBS' **EXPEDITED MOTION TO POSTPONE** 

THE JULY 13, 2012, SANCTIONS HEARING ON ORDER SHORTENING TIME

Hearing Date: July 10,2012
Hearing Time: 9:00am

Plaintiff Steven C. Jacobs ("Jacobs"), moves this Court on an expedited basis to postpone the hearing presently scheduled for July 13, 2012, for purposes of determining the appropriate sanctions to be issued against Defendants. The basis for this request is simple: Yesterday, Jacobs took the deposition of Las Vegas Sands Corp.'s ("LVSC") Assistant General Counsel, Michael Kostrinsky ("Kostrinsky"). That deposition confirmed pervasive misrepresentations were made to this Court and to Jacobs over the last eighteen months about Defendants' preservation and possession of documents pertaining to this case. To be blunt, the representations made to this Court and to Jacobs by counsel for LVSC and Sands China, LLC ("Sands China") have been outright false and appalling.

The deposition also confirmed that further discovery is warranted before this Court convenes any sanctions hearing so that this Court can assess the full magnitude of the misrepresentations that have occurred. Specifically, Jacobs requests taking depositions of Gayle Hyman ("Hyman") as well as Robert Rubenstein ("Rubenstein"). These are two individuals that Kostrinsky identified as having overseen the gathering of documents pertinent to this case, as well as government investigations that have been launched in the United States against LVSC. Because the hearing on this Motion in the ordinary course is not possible in light of the Court's scheduled hearing, Jacobs requests an order shortening time.

This Motion is supported by the accompanying Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the Declaration of James J. Pisanelli, Esq. and exhibits attached hereto.

DATED this 6th day of July, 2012.

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THE HONORABLE ELIZABETH GONZALEZ DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Respectfully submitted:

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## DECLARATION OF JAMES J. PISANELLI, ESQ.

I, JAMES J. PISANELLI, ESQ., being duly sworn, state as follows:

- 1. I am one of the attorneys for Plaintiff Steven C. Jacobs ("Jacobs") in this action. I make this Declaration in support of Plaintiff Steven C. Jacobs' Expedited Motion to Postpone the July 13, 2012, Sanctions Hearing for an order shortening time for this Court to hear the instant Expedited Motion (the "Motion"). I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein, except those facts stated upon information and belief, and as to those facts, I believe them to be true. I am competent to testify to the matters stated herein.
- 2. The Court scheduled a sanctions hearing for July 13, 2012, prior to the deposition of Michael Kostrinsky. During Mr. Kostrinsky's deposition, additional key facts, including facts concerning the magnitude of the misrepresentations made to this Court were brought to light. In order to give this Court a complete record of events that have occurred up to this point, it will be necessary for Jacobs to conduct further discovery.
- 3. If the Motion is heard in the ordinary course, this motion will be rendered moot as it would occur after the currently-scheduled evidentiary hearing.
- 4. This request for an order shortening time is made in good faith and not for any improper purposes.
- 5. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct and that I signed this Declaration op July 6, 2012.

JAMES J. PISANELLI, ESQ.

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## MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

In the interest of time, Jacobs will not burden this Court with reciting the numerous representations that have been made by counsel for LVSC and Sands China concerning their claims as to preservation and review of documents related to this case. It suffices to recall their repeated claims as to how the Macau Data Privacy Act precluded them from producing documentation in this case, as well as precluding counsel or LVSC from even reviewing those documents. Rest assured, those numerous representations will be recited in detail in full briefing at the time this Court conducts the hearing concerning sanctions.

But for now, the deposition of Kostrinsky has laid bare the absolute fraud that has been perpetrated on this Court. As Kostrinsky revealed, not only had all of Jacobs' emails from Macau been transported to LVSC in August of 2010, those emails have been extensively reviewed, including marital communications between Jacobs and his wife. Not only were those emails reviewed internally, they were also reviewed by the very same attorneys who stood before this Court representing how LVSC did not have this information and it had not been reviewed. What is more, Kostrinsky revealed that the law firm of O'Melveny and Myers had copied all of the data stored on his computer, which included the Jacobs ESI, long ago. Thus, not only has this data been in LVSC's possession for nearly two years – all the while it represented otherwise – it has also been disseminated to others. The most recent representation to this Court that the data was brought here "in error" was plainly untrue.

So that the Court can truly appreciate the magnitude of the deception that has occurred, the following are just some key points established at the deposition:

- Prior to March 2011, Kostrinsky (an LVSC lawyer) was never denied information he requested from Macau, and he performed various services related to Macau. (Id., 58:19-59:18.)
- In early August 2010, Kostrinsky sought information from Sands China subsidiaries related to Steven Jacobs. (Id., 61:17-24.) Louis Melo and Gayle Hyman knew of this request, as did LVSC and Sands China IT people. (Id., 62:1-64:20.) In fact, Kostrinsky was told to obtain this information by Gayle Hyman, his supervisor, but he does not know who made the ultimate decision. (Id., 69:14-70:1.) LVSC's counsel instructed Kostrinsky not to disclose who else knew of his request. (Id., 63:11-20.)

- Based upon his request, someone at Sands China shipped a copy of Jacobs' emails as well as an image of Jacobs' desktop computer to Las Vegas. (Id., 70:11-73:11.) That data has been in LVSC's possession since July/August 2010. Indeed, for Jacobs' emails, Kostrinsky actually had a file on his laptop called "Jacobs' emails." (Id., 78:6-79:5; 81:10-22.) Kostrinsky spent many hours reviewing the emails and other data as early as August 2010 prior to the lawsuit. (Id.) He printed some of the emails out. He shared the emails with certain people. (74:23-75:10.) There was no restriction on who could access and review Jacobs' emails. (Id., 76:11-14.)
- Kostrinsky shared the emails with people who asked, and testified to Hyman, Rubenstein, and Melo specifically. (Id., 62:1-63:24, 90:3-9, 94:15-17.) But, outside counsel reviewed the emails as well. In fact, Steve Peek, in the May/June/July 2011 time frame personally went to Kostrinsky's office, sat at Kostrinsky's desk for an entire afternoon, and reviewed Jacobs' emails from Kostrinsky's laptop. (Id., 83:25-87:20, 90:3-9.) Mr. Peek even printed some of the emails. (95:4-96:4.) One of Peek's colleagues from Holland and Hart also spent a morning or afternoon in Kostrinsky's office looking at Jacobs' emails. (Id., 84:22-85:16.).
- Lawyers from Glaser Weil also knew that LVSC possessed Jacobs' emails on Kostrinsky's laptop shortly after they were retained. (*Id.*, 88:24-89:14.) Although Kostrinsky said that it was "possible" that the law firm O'Melveny & Myers (who handled the SEC subpoena from March 2011 onward) knew, too. (*Id.*, 91:9-18). He later testified that that firm actually copied his (Kostrinsky's) entire laptop. (*Id.*, 123:25-124:21.) So, it is more than just "possible."
- With respect to the second group of Jacobs-related ESI that LVSC has possessed in Las Vegas since July/August 2010 Jacobs' entire desktop Kostrinsky testified that he asked for Jacobs' desktop hard drive in Macau to be copied, and a copy was then shipped to Las Vegas in early/mid August 2010. (Id., 98:9-100:18.). Many people have known all along that as of August 2010 LVSC possessed copy of Jacobs' hard drive in Las Vegas, including Steve Peek, Glaser Weil attorneys, and O'Melveny & Myers, to name some. (Id., 101:19-104:21.) Kostrinsky confirmed that anything he had in the Jacobs case was promptly shared with counsel, and thus they have all known about the true location of this information. (Id., 134:18-19.)

As Kostrinsky also confirmed, he was not in charge of the data retention and was largely out of the loop after April, 2011. He explained that LVSC had been subpoensed for information from the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") as well as the Department of Justice ("DOJ") and that the handling of this matter, and the documents pertaining thereto, were taken over by Robert Rubenstein. Prior to that time, the response was being directed by Kostrinsky's supervisor, General Counsel Gayle Hyman. Kostrinsky could not identify the full extent to which the documentation was accessible to and reviewed by others.

Kostrinsky ceased working for LVSC in December, 2011.

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The deposition also exposed facts showing that all of the noise made by LVSC and Sands China about restraints on access to data from Macau has been a ruse. The documents pertaining to Jacobs as well as the investigations by the SEC and DOJ were placed in at least two electronic repositories (i.e., "shared drives"). To Kostrinsky's knowledge and understanding, those repositories can be accessed remotely by anyone regardless of their location who is given the electronic keys to the repository. These same persons can print off all of the documentation anywhere, including in the United States. Thus, the claims made by LVSC and Sands China to this Court about how the data cannot be accessed outside of Macau is, and always has been, a complete farce designed to obstruct the fair prosecution of this case.

Additionally, Kostrinsky testified to facts showing that even the most recent representations to this Court – about the status of Jacobs' ESI – were untrue. As this Court may recall, counsel recently informed this Court that it had just discovered that the original hard drive from Jacobs' computer has mysteriously gone missing. But, Kostrinsky revealed that LVSC and Sands China have known of this fact for nearly a year. He confirmed that Jacobs' original hard drive could not be located as of the summer of 2011. Once again, LVSC and Sands China have resorted to misrepresenting facts to this Court in their attempts to whitewash their prior misrepresentations about preservation and possession of documents.

In light of these startling revelations, Jacobs requests that this Court postpone the presently scheduled July 13, 2012, hearing, so that he may conduct additional discovery and present full briefing to this Court. It is imperative that this Court develop a full evidentiary record on this matter so that it may determine what sanctions are appropriate in light of the truth, not the spin that LVSC and Sands China hope to perpetrate.

DATED this 6th day of July, 2012.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am an employee of PISANELLI BICE PLLC, and that on this 6th day of June, 2012, I caused to be sent via e-mail and United States Mail, postage prepaid, true and correct copies of the above and foregoing PLAINTIFF STEVEN C. JACOBS' EXPEDITED MOTION TO POSTPONE JULY 13, 2012, SANCTIONS HEARING properly addressed to the following:

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